

FEDERAL ASSOCIATION REELECTS OFFICIALS

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All officers of the Federal Business Association of Trenton were reelected at the organization's quarterly meeting, held at the office of the United States Weather Bureau.

The reinstated officers are: President, William T. Lathrop, meteorologist in charge of the Weather Bureau; first vice president, James N. Connolly, of the Internal Revenue Service; second vice president, United States District Attorney Phillip Forman; secretary-treasurer, John F. Meagher, Internal Revenue Service; assistant secretary-treasurer, R. C. Counts, assistant meteorologist at the Weather Bureau.

The executive committee was selected as follows: Former State Senator George T. Cranmer, clerk of the United States District Court; Dr. W. G. Middleton, of the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry; J. E. Mincher, senior U. S. highway engineer; G. L. Morgan, Federal agricultural statistician; O. W. Hartwell, district engineer in charge of geological survey; James H. Schuyler, engineer of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads; Lieutenant Colonel G. M. Allen, of the U. S. Army; G. K. Hendle, of the Bureau of Japanese Beetle Control.

Commander Julian H. Collins, representative of the United States Budget Commissioner and Federal coordinator in this district, attended the meeting.

The Federal Club comprises executives and employes of all branches of the United States governmental service in Trenton and vicinity.

DE MACCHI GUILTY IN BANK FRAUD

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A sealed verdict, finding him guilty, was returned yesterday morning by a jury against Clemente De Macchi, a New York music director, who was tried before Federal Judge Fake for conspiracy to defraud the First National Bank of Leonia, now the Leonia National Bank and Trust Company. He was charged with having received more than \$17,000 from the bank, through conspiracy with Howard G. Forrester, then the cashier, who certified De Macchi's checks without funds in the bank to back them. De Macchi will be sentenced on May 27.

Forrester, who was the government's chief witness, has served a two-year sentence in Atlanta following his plea of guilty for his part in the affair.

De Macchi also had been found guilty in September, 1926, of the charges against him, but the verdict was set aside on the ground that the wording was incorrect.

Forrester testified he had permitted De Macchi to make large overdrafts in the belief he would make them good. Benjamin A. Matthews of New York, attorney for the defendant, moved that the verdict be set aside as being against the weight of evidence. This being denied, he announced he would appeal.

DRY SUSPECT ASKS JAIL AND GETS IT

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"Just put me in jail," said Foster Hart, of 404 Highland avenue, Passaic, when arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Fiedmann yesterday for sale and possession of liquor.

"Just put me in jail. I have no bond, and I don't want a hearing," he said, resignedly.

Although most voluntary guests of the various jails chose that abode during the cold weather of winter rather than in the balmy days of spring, Commissioner Friedmann granted Hart's wish. He will be held for the grand jury. His bond was set at \$1,000.

Hart was arrested at 960 Main avenue, Passaic, when he is alleged to have sold Federal prohibition agents a drink. He was charged with being the bartender in the place. Two gallons of alleged whisky and a small amount of other liquors were taken by the agents as evidence.